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Casa Cuna Progreso has a new director: Quilin Arends-Maduro

On August 29, island media was introduced to the newly appointed Director of Casa Cuna Progreso Foundation, a full and part time residence for children ages infant to 8-years-old, from troubled homes.

Mrs. Quilin Arends-Maduro assumed her position on August 1. She has a work history with over a decade in administration in the banking sector and financial management. Preceding her appointment to Casa Cuna Progreso

she worked for seven years with youth as a teacher in Holland, and in Aruba at the island's vocational middle school, EPI and the college-preparatory high school, Colegio Arubano.

She feels her diverse background has provided the training and experience to work with troubled youngsters as well as scope of vision to administrate the foundation, a very demanding position.

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While meeting with island press she explained her personal mission and vision regarding Casa Cuna Progreso Foundation.

Mrs. Arends-Maduro emphasized her deep commitment to providing a steadfast foundation for these young children,

whom she feels are at the most impressionable and crucial age. "What we must give to them now will be the building blocks of a happy, productive life," she pointed out.

A high priority is to also see the community involved more in the process, by supporting

the center with donations and volunteer work. She lamented that among her 22 staff members she has only women, and would hope to see more men get involved and interacting with the youngsters to provide positive male role models. She encourages male volunteers to

come forward to perhaps coach soccer, baseball or other athletic activities.

"I also hope to enable my staff to increase their skills with workshops, seminars and training courses," she related. "I would like to see psychology seminars provided for them and prospective foster parents, as well as the actual parents of some of the young children here at the residence. I would hope, eventually, to add on apartments for some of the teenage mothers of the babies, so they can still be connected and part of raising them, which they are unable to do on their own."

Aside from the care they provide for the youngsters living with them, Mrs. Arends-Maduro would like to supplement their learning experience and expand their horizons with extracurricular activities such as art, music and sports lessons with qualified instructors.

She also believes the foundation needs to advance in communications by establishing a website and Facebook page, to impart information and facilitate donations. All of Aruba's foundations rely heavily on donations to continue their work, even those that receive minimal subsidy from the government, which, for the most part, only pays salaries



and the most immediate needs. Various projects to maintain and improve the center are very much in need of funding via donations. Group volunteer efforts in the past have helped them greatly, by painting and cleaning the grounds. A particular priority is to establish "sponsors" for individual children, who would spend time with them sharing activities and be willing to make a birthday or Christmas special with a gift or outing.

The concept of "a village raises a child" is very much how Mrs. Arends-Maduro would hope to structure the Casa Cuna Progreso Foundation and home, involving the community in helping these children develop emotionally and realize their full potential as members of the island community. Individuals and families interested in sponsoring a child or volunteering at the center can contact her at 585-7177.

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Primary Care Physicians can now offer two Prescriptions!

"Exercise is Medicine" (EIM) is now part of AZV's Pro-Medicine program. This is a program that the government is convinced must be part of every physician's practice. Chronic non-transmissible diseases (NCD's) is among the main list of the number of deaths that we observe on our island. The risk factors to developing chronic non-transmissible diseases is among others, the lack of our physical activity and a deficient diet. Due to the increasing number of non-transmissible diseases it is ob-

vious that we must introduce a form of prevention, says Richard Visser, Minister of Public Health.

Representatives of primary care approached the Minister of Public Health and Sports with their concerns and concerning the concept of "Exercise is Medicine." This is how EIM was born on Aruba. EIM is a campaign regarding prevention adopted from the American College of Sport Medicine. It has been proven that exercise can reduce the risk of heart disease by 40%, strokes by 27%,

Diabetes by 50%, Hypertension by 50%, and cancer of the colon by more than 60% (EIM, 2012). The concept of EIM is to offer persons and or patients of all ages with or without a physical disability an individualized EIM program. This has led to the formation of a commission consisting of Primary Care dokters, Specialists (Cardiologist and Orthopedics) Government Physicians, Physiotherapists and professionals in the management of the public health ministry headed by the Minister of Public Health.



The Primary Care Physician ("Huisdokter") is key to the success of the EIM program as they are the first line of contact with patients and patients consider them the authority of their health due to the relationship they have with the doctor.

On February 18, 2013, representatives of the health sector in primary care (Association of Primary Care Physicians and Specialists) and the Minister of Public Health and Sports signed an MOU, promoting EIM as a priority. The task of the Primary Care Physician in this is to participate by prescribing exercise as a form of additional medicine and to refer patients to professionals in the field of exercise.

The government is cognizant of the fact that they must

rely on the care sector for the success of the EIM program. The government can give support, can provide information, but the success is largely in the hands of our care sector. Currently, every primary care physician has the program on their computer.

The Minister visited Dr. Joaquin van Trigt to personally experience how easy it is to use the program. He is convinced that this is yet another tool at the disposition of the Primary Care doctor to help prevent chronic diseases by combining traditional medicine with exercise medicine.

Patients must experience that exercise can fight against the development of chronic diseases.



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Meet young Aruban writer Jermin Bell today at Van Dorp in Dakota

ORANJESTAD – Today, August 31, Aruban author Jermin Bell will be at Van Dorp bookstore in Dakota to promote his first book titled 'Nameless.'

"Nameless is an inspirational work that offers a different experience; it helps you reconnect with your soul" commented the managers of Van Dorp.

The book is divided in 3 categories, Romance, Identity and Spirituality, which enables reader to examine an area of particular interest.

The book is meant to be source of guidance and understanding of the issues of our daily lives. Jermin is a psychology student practicing in the Netherlands, but choose his native Aruba for launching his book.

Everyone is invited to meet rmin, exchange ideas and discuss his work. He will be at Van Dorp in Dakota from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

De Wit & Van Dorp stores are local companies established for more than 65 years. Their 3 outlets are De Wit situated in the main street, Van Dorp in Dakota and Aruba Post in San Nicolas. For more information on new releases and events, visit one of the three stores or go on their Facebook page DeWit Vandorp.

Superstars rewarded at Westin



Recently, the Brand Champions of the Month for July for the Westin Resort & Casino, Aruba were announced during a special luncheon held in the resort's Grand Palm Beach Ballroom. Associates and management, there to show their support for the nominees representing the Heart of the House, the Front of the House, and the resort's Palm Beach Casino, attended the event.

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sent Westin's core values, and were tapped by management for their outstanding performances within their respective departments.

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The Oranje Fonds seeks existing successful & innovative initiatives

UTRECHT - Better Together is the theme for the "Appeltjes van Oranje 2014". Receiving this award will be the crowning moment for three successful social initiatives that bring together people with and without handicaps. The Oranje Fonds is inviting organizations to nominate their own initiatives for the award. The "Appeltje van Oranje" is presented annually by Queen Máxima, patroness of the Oranje Fonds. It is the most prestigious award of its kind in the social domain.

In 2014, the "Appeltjes van Oranje" will be awarded for 12th time. This year, adopting the theme "Better Together", the Oranje Fonds seeks social initiatives that endeavour to bring together groups of people with and without handicaps. Says Ronald van der Giessen, managing director of the Oranje Fonds: "The fund aims to forge lasting relationships between people who would not normally encounter each other. We hope to receive many applications of extraordinary initiatives with this same goal. These could be, for example, a buddy project that teams up students with peers that have a handicap, or people doing odd jobs for their less mobile neighbours."

The "Appeltjes van Oranje" are awarded annually to exceptional projects that work towards improved unity between the different layers of society and towards a more liveable community. The award consists of a bronze statue that was designed and fashioned by Princess Beatrix, and a monetary prize of €15,000,-.

The Oranje Fonds supports social initiatives with subsidies, know-how and contacts. This past year €30 million was spent to fund organizations promoting a more engaged society in the Kingdom of the Netherlands. These contributions help people connect or re-establish themselves in society. The Oranje Fonds is sponsored by the Nationale Postcode Loterij and De Lotto as well as by friends and businesses. King Willem-Alexander and Queen Máxima have been the official patrons of the Oranje Fonds since its inception.

Indonesian minister calls for Miss World to be cancelled

JAKARTA (AFP) - Indonesia's religious affairs minister has called for the Miss World beauty pageant to be cancelled, as opposition in the Muslim-majority country mounts the week before the contest opens in Bali.

Suryadharma Ali said that the organisers should follow the advice of the nation's top Islamic clerical body, which last week called for the contest to be scrapped even after or-

ganisers agreed to axe the bikini round.

"The Indonesian Ulama Council has expressed strong opposition to Miss World because it doesn't fit with Islamic teachings that say Muslim women should cover modest parts of their bodies," the minister said in a statement late yesterday.

The minister is the first government official to publicly voice opposition to the pageant, dealing a fresh blow to the Britain-based organisers.

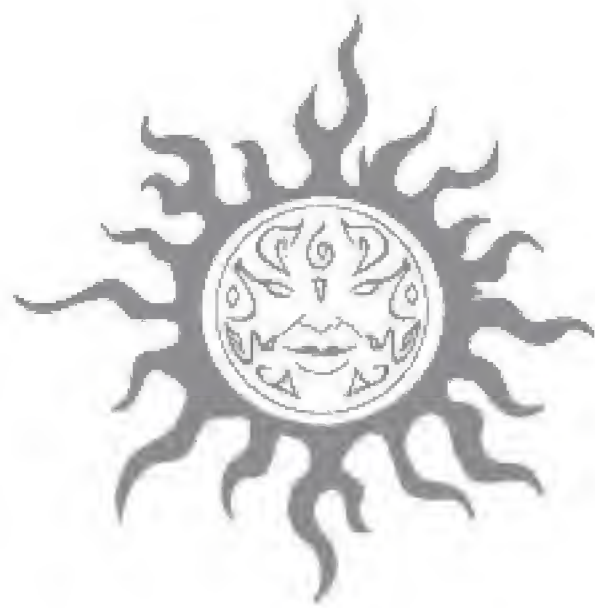
His statement came the same day a commissioner from the country's National Human Rights Commission said he opposed an event that "put women's bodies on display".

The local organisers were not fazed by the minister's comments however, saying the issue was not his domain and that "the show must go on".

"This is not an Islamic

country and this event is an issue of culture, not religion," Adjie S. Soeratmadjoe, corporate secretary of broadcaster and local organiser RCTI, told AFP, adding several other ministers supported Miss World.

The competition opens on September 8 in Bali, a Hindu-majority island known for its many beaches where female tourists from around the world sunbathe in skimpy bikinis with few problems.



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Troops deploy to restore order in protest-hit Colombia

BOGOTA (AFP) - President Juan Manuel Santos ordered troops on to the streets of Bogota as well as Colombia's highways yesterday, after violent protests in support of striking farmworkers left two dead.

Within hours, leaders of farm workers in a key province near Bogota began calling on their followers to lift roadblocks around the country, saying in a statement they had reached "partial agreements" with the government.

They provided no details on the agreements, and it was unclear whether the appeal would be heeded. Interior Minister Fernando Carrillo said the move was a "gesture of goodwill."

The apparent break came after Santos took a hard line

with the protesters, deploying soldiers after a night of violent clashes in Bogota saw two people killed.

"Last night, I ordered the militarization of Bogota and I will do the same today in any municipality or area that needs the presence of our soldiers," he said in a speech broadcast on radio and television.

Santos said he had ordered the deployment of up to 50,000 troops on the nation's highways, which have been targeted with protests and blockages by striking farmworkers since August 19.

The demonstrations in Bogota marked the first time that the farmworkers' rural protests had spread to the capital and other cities.

The clashes were reported to have left 147 people injured and 40 under arrest. Santos' defense minister on Thursday accused leftist FARC guerrillas of infiltrating the marches to sow violence.

The Colombian president, however, made no mention of the FARC, with whom his government is holding peace talks in Havana, instead blaming a leftist group called Patriotic March.

"The Patriotic March movement only seeks to take us to a situation with no way out to impose its own agenda. It doesn't care at all about the farmworkers," he said. "I have said you're welcome to protest, but not protests at gunpoint or with threats."



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

France set to become Washington's main Syria ally

PARIS (AFP) - French President Francois Hollande yesterday made clear his wish to take military action alongside the US against the Syrian regime, making Paris Washington's main ally in the Syria crisis after Britain backed out of any strikes.

In a 45-minute phone call with US President Barack Obama, Hollande said France was still determined to punish the Syrian regime, which Paris is convinced used chemical weapons against its own people last week, according to an aide to the French president.

Obama and Hollande "share the same certainty that the attack was chemical in nature and that the regime was undoubtedly responsible," the aide said. "Hollande repeated France's determination not to leave these crimes unpunished and felt the same determination on Obama's side."

With Britain sidelined from any Syria strikes by a shock vote against them in parliament Thursday, the United States and France find themselves in the position -- unusual in recent years -- of teaming up to lead a push for military intervention in the 29-month Syrian war.

The situation is a far cry from a decade back, when

Franco-US ties hit a low over differences on Iraq and then-president Jacques Chirac's opposition to the Anglo-US offensive against Saddam Hussein's regime.

So deep was the animosity that French fries were renamed "freedom fries" in some American restaurants -- including those serving the US House of Representatives office buildings -- and anti-French hate messages were brandished in public, including on T-shirts and billboards.

In a dramatic reversal from the situation then, Hollande has given a shot in the arm to Washington's flagging efforts to form an international coalition for possible strikes on Syria.

"France wants firm and proportionate action against the Damascus regime," he said in an interview with Le Monde daily to be published today.

Hollande, responding to a question, did not exclude the possibility of military strikes within days, even prior to an emergency session of the French parliament on Wednesday to debate the issue.

In his speech making the case for a military operation in Syria, US Secretary of State John Kerry yesterday praised France as Washington's "oldest ally" but made no mention of Britain.



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Suriname leader's son arrested over arms trafficking

PARAMARIBO (AFP) - Suriname President Desi Bouterse said yesterday that his son has been arrested on arms trafficking allegations in Panama, apparently at the request of the United States.

"We were informed but for now I will concentrate on the Unasur summit," Bouterse told AFP when quizzed about press reports of his son Dino.

Bouterse, who previously led the former Dutch colony under a military dictatorship, made the remarks at the sum-

mit for regional leaders being held in Paramaribo, the capital of Suriname.

Local press reports said Dino Bouterse was detained in Panama at the request of American officials. He was previously jailed in 2005 after a judge convicted him of leading a gang that trafficked cocaine and weapons.

When he was released his father gave him a job as director of the country's anti-terrorism unit.

The Netherlands to apologise for Indonesian executions

THE HAGUE (AFP) - The Netherlands said yesterday it will make a public apology for a series of summary executions carried out by the Dutch army in its former colony Indonesia between 1945 and 1949.

Prime Minister Mark Rutte also announced that The Hague will pay 20,000 euros (\$26,000) to the widows of those killed.

The Dutch ambassador in Indonesia will officially present the state's apology at a Jakarta ceremony on September 12, according to a government communique.

The Hague has already apologised and paid out to the relatives of those in particular cases but it has never said sorry and

offered compensation for the victims of general summary executions.

"We are talking about the horrific events in specific cases that resulted in summary executions," said Rutte but added that he would not offer an apology for the entire Dutch military actions in Indonesia. Concerning the role of the Netherlands during the conflict that led to Indonesia's independence, he said that the words of the former foreign minister Ben Bot, who claimed that "the Netherlands found itself on the wrong side of history" during the conflict, remained the view of the government in The Hague.

Two high-profile legal ac-

tions have resulted in 20,000 euros being awarded to the relatives of some victims and a public apology for summary executions which took place on the island of Sulawesi and Rawagadeh, on the island of Java.

The Hague said new legal action which met the same criteria from relatives in Rawagadeh and south Sulawesi would also result in payments of 20,000 euros compensation from the Netherlands.

Thousands of Indonesians were killed in the war of independence, which ended in 1949. More than 60 years on, the role of the Netherlands during the war is a delicate subject between the two countries.

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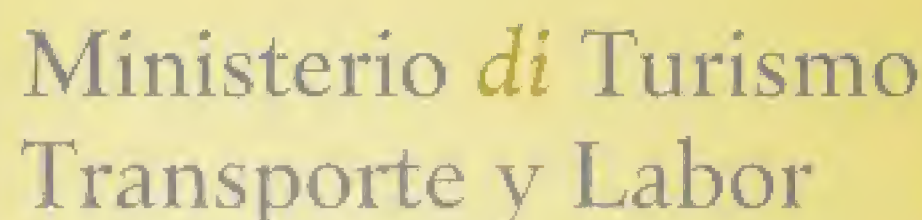
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Health & Living

Fresh fruit helps prevent diabetes, fruit juice boosts risk

PARIS (AFP) - Eating whole fresh fruit, especially blueberries, grapes, apples and pears, is linked to a lower risk of Type 2 diabetes, but drinking fruit juice has the opposite effect, says a new study.

British, US and Singaporean researchers pored over data from three big investigations that took place in the United States over a quarter of a century in all.

More than 187,000 nurses, doctors and other professional caregivers were enrolled.

Their health was monitored over the following years, and they regularly answered questionnaires on their eating habits, weight, smoking, physical activity and other pointers to lifestyle.

Around 6.5 percent of the volunteers developed diabetes during the studies.

People who ate at least two servings each week of certain whole fruits, especially blueberries, grapes and apples, reduced their risk of Type 2 diabetes by as much as 23 percent compared to those who ate less than one serving per month.

"Our findings provide novel evidence suggesting certain fruits may be especially beneficial for lower diabetes risk," said Qi Sun, an assistant professor of nutrition at the Harvard School of Public Health.

On the other hand, those who consumed one or more servings of fruit juice each day increased their risk of developing the disease by as much as 21 percent.

Swapping three servings of juice per week for whole fruits resulted in a seven-percent reduction in risk.

The paper, published by the British Medical Journal (BMJ), says further work is needed to explore this "significant" difference.

It speculates that, even if the nutritional values of whole fruit and fruit juice are similar, the difference lies with the fact that one food is a semi-solid and the other a liquid.

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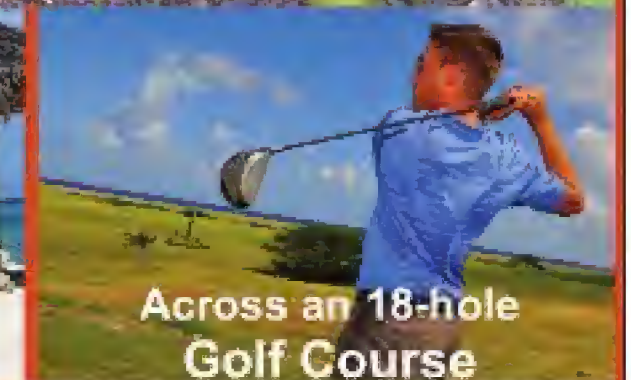
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Indian firm unveils latest typhoid shots

NEW DELHI (AFP) - An Indian pharmaceutical firm said Thursday it would soon launch the world's first vaccine against typhoid which can be given to infants, protecting the most vulnerable victims of the illness.

Bharat Biotech, based in the southern city of Hyderabad, said it would also offer long-term protection of more than 10 years, unlike other vaccines which must be boosted with regular injections.

"This is the world's first clinically-proven vaccine for children of six months and above," spokeswoman Sheela Panicker told AFP.

The World Health Organisation says the food- and water-borne disease kills 600,000 people a year and infects an estimated 17 million, mainly children. Ninety percent of such cases are reported in Asia.

Indian health authorities have given their go-ahead to the "fourth-generation" vac-

cine, which can also be taken by adults, and it is expected to be launched in the next two weeks.

Panicker said the firm would decide its cost depending on the volume after its launch. Production capacity was currently 10 million doses per year, she said.

In May Biotech unveiled a low-cost vaccine against a deadly diarrhoea-causing virus that kills some 100,000 children in India every year.

Rotavirus, which causes

severe diarrhoea, is globally responsible for some 453,000 deaths annually and is particularly dangerous in the developing world where swift health care is often out of reach.

India has also been a powerhouse in developing generic medicines to treat diseases such as cancer, tuberculosis and AIDS for those who cannot afford expensive branded versions across the developing world.

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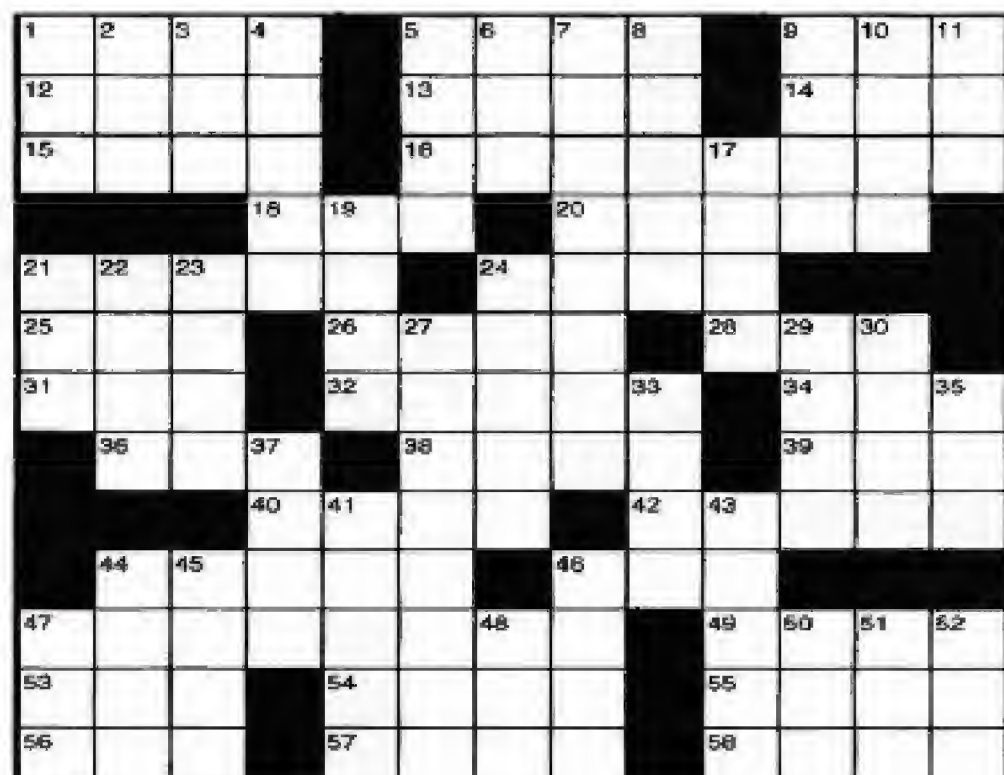
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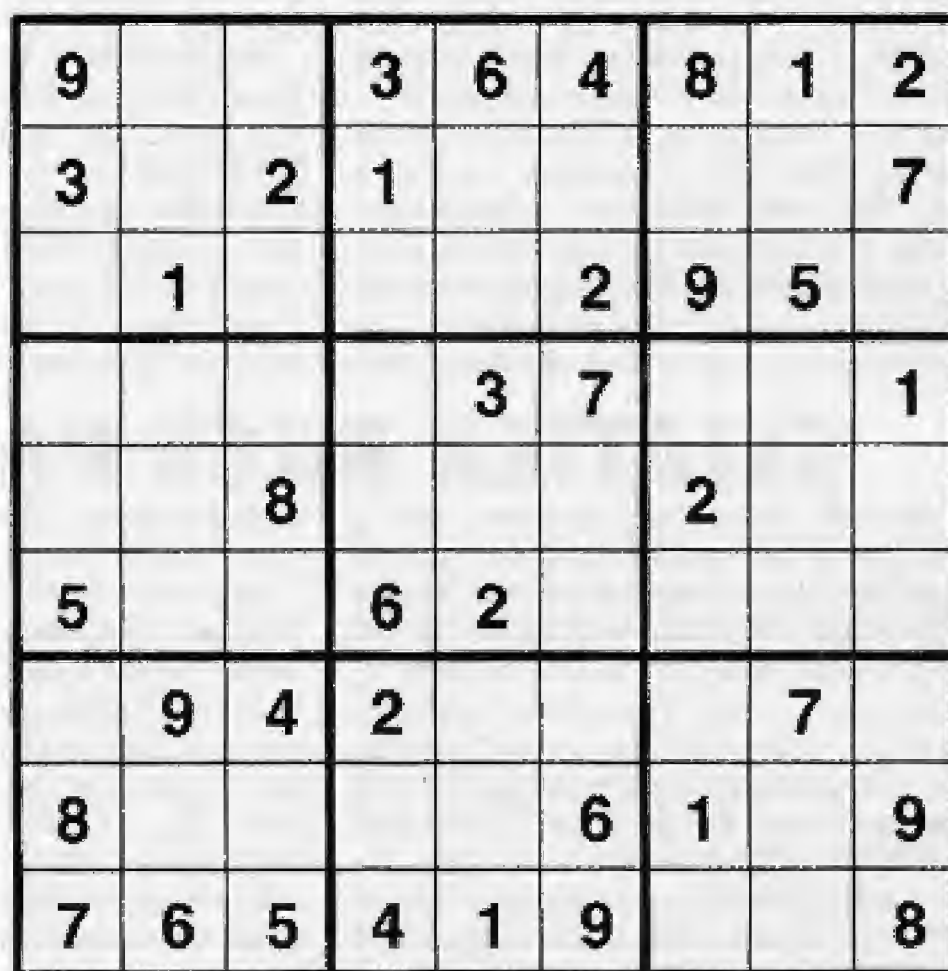
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Brazil economy grew 1.5 percent in Q2

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Brazil, Latin America's leading economy, expanded 1.5 percent in the second quarter of 2013 compared with the previous three month, exceeding the most optimistic market expectations, official statistics showed yesterday.

Economists, who had expected GDP growth of between 0.7 percent and 1.3 percent, said the second quarter result would be the best this year.

The farm sector fared best, growing 3.9 percent, followed by industry with two percent and services 0.8 percent, the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE) said on its website.

Investments rose 3.6 percent while consumption edged up a paltry 0.3 percent during the period.

Compared with the second quarter of last year, GDP expanded 3.3 percent.

"The GDP result was a good surprise. Investments had a good performance and this is very good for the economy," economist Guilherme de Nobrega, of the Indusval & Partners Corretora brokerage firm, told the G1 news web-

site.

"It seems that this will be the climax in the performance of the year, but even so, we are emerging from the swamp of low investment," he added.

"The reduction of inflation and the resumption of growth, all this is beginning to dissipate the grey clouds that had gathered over our country," Finance Minister Guido Mantega said overnight at an event in Sao Paulo.

The Brazilian economy grew an anemic 0.9 percent in 2012.

This year, the government and the International Monetary Fund are banking on 2.5 percent GDP growth while market analysts are forecasting 2.2 percent.

In 2011, the country posted 2.7 percent GDP growth after a sizzling 7.5 percent in 2010.

Meanwhile, the Central Bank pressed on with its efforts to rein in inflation, which reached 6.27 percent on an annualized basis in July, close to the 6.5 percent upper limit of the government target.

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Commodity markets rocked by fears of Syria conflict

LONDON (AFP) - Commodities were gripped this week by the threat of military strikes in Syria, with New York oil hitting a two-year high on fears of a wider conflict, analysts said.

Gold jumped to multi-month peaks, as many investors parked their cash in the precious metal that is widely regarded as a safe haven in times of geopolitical turmoil.

"Commodity prices have been in sharp focus this week as the debate over Western intervention in Syria intensifies," said CMC Markets analyst Matt Basi yesterday.

"Speculation that a strike was imminent sent oil soaring higher earlier in the week as concerns rose over increased instability in the region, but prices have cooled in the past 48 hours as political opposition to intervention rises.

"Investors have generally shunned equity markets and flocked to the perceived safe haven of gold, though the yellow metal has dipped back beneath \$1,400 per ounce going into the weekly close as yesterday profit-taking comes into play," said Basi.

OIL: The market surged on Wednesday in anticipation of

Western military strikes on Syria, with New York crude striking \$112.24 per barrel, which was the highest level since early May 2011.

Brent oil soared to \$117.34 a barrel, last seen in late February. Prices then fell back on Thursday and yesterday as prospects receded for an imminent strike against Syria over its alleged use of chemical weapons.

"Oil prices continue to be under the spell of the Syrian crisis," said Commerzbank analyst Carsten Fritsch.

Although Syria is not a major oil producer, traders are nervous about a broader conflict in the crude-rich Middle East region, including neighbouring Iraq, which is becoming a major exporter.

By yesterday on London's Intercontinental Exchange, Brent North Sea crude for delivery in October advanced to \$114.74 a barrel compared with \$111.06 a week earlier.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, West Texas Intermediate or light sweet crude for September increased to \$108.02 per barrel, from \$106.20.

PRECIOUS METALS:

Gold leapt on Wednesday to \$1,433.83 per ounce -- the highest level since May 14 -- as investors flocked to the precious metal.

Silver metal silver touched \$25.10 an ounce, attaining a level last seen in mid-April.

Platinum also struck the highest point since April, at \$1,555 per ounce, boosted by strikes in key producer South Africa.

"The prospect of Western military intervention in Syria has really weighed on risk appetite this week, with investors pulling their money out of risky positions such as equities, particularly in the emerging markets, and instead opting for safe haven assets, including Gold and US Treasuries," said Apari analyst Craig Erlam.

"Gold has re-emerged over the last few weeks as the preferred safe haven asset for investors," he added.

By late yesterday on the London Bullion Market, the price of gold rallied to \$1,394.75 an ounce from \$1,377.50 a week earlier.

Silver climbed to \$23.64 an ounce from \$23.06.

On the London Platinum and Palladium Market, platinum eased to \$1,527 an ounce from \$1,538.

Palladium declined to \$741 an ounce from \$752.



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Switzerland	CHF	191.33	192.05	192.85
Netherlands	EUR	233.59	235.72	238.09
Sweden	SEK	25.95	26.67	27.47
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Wall Street falls, heading for worst month since May 2012

NEW YORK - U.S. stocks dipped in weak volume on Friday, with the S&P 500 on track for its worst month since May 2012 as investors held off making large bets before a long weekend with the situation in Syria still uncertain.

Trading was volatile, with sharp swings between break-even and losses.

The CBOE Volatility index rose 3.6 percent. The benchmark S&P 500 stock

index is down 1.8 percent for the week and 3 percent for the month, putting it on pace for its worst performance since May 2012.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 52.42 points, or 0.35 percent, at 14,788.53. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 6.90 points, or 0.42 percent, at 1,631.27. The Nasdaq Composite Index was down 30.76 points, or 0.85 percent, at 3,589.54.

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Britain's Kate makes first appearance since royal birth



LONDON (AFP) - Prince William's wife Kate on Friday attended her first public event since giving birth to their son five weeks ago.

But there was no sign of Prince George himself -- now third in line to the British throne -- as the couple attended a sports event on the Welsh island of Anglesey, where William is based as a Royal Air Force search-and-rescue helicopter pilot.

Wearing black jeans and a grey-green jacket with her long brown hair loose, Kate was described as looking "absolutely gorgeous" by locals who had come to watch the start of the gruelling three-day Ring O' Fire race around Anglesey's rugged coast.

She told one onlooker that she had left baby George with his grandmother, Carole Middleton, for the day.

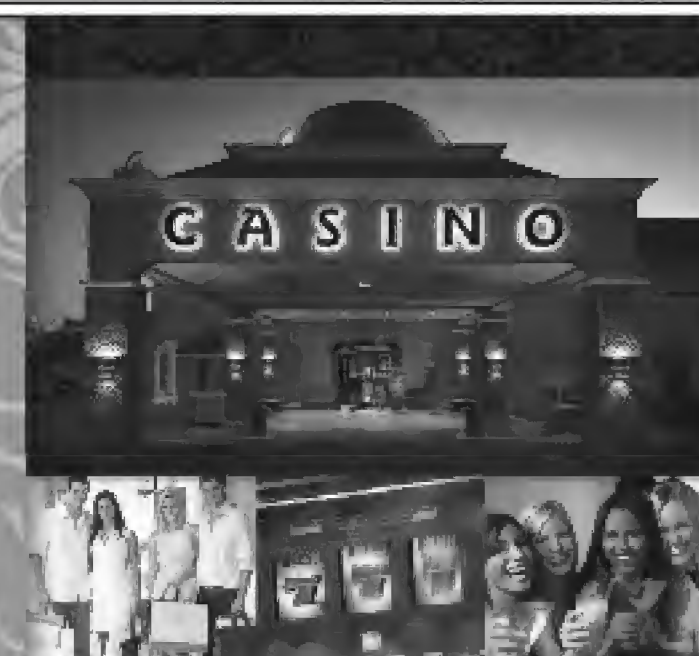
Members of the public said Kate, 31, appeared to be taking well to motherhood.

"We were talking about the joy she was having from George and how quick he was changing, she couldn't quite believe it. She's enjoying every minute of it," said Marian Wyn-Jones.

"He's getting quite huge, she said."

William, who is second in line to the throne after his father Prince Charles, rang a bell to start the race and clapped with his wife as the runners set off.

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Irish Nobel Literature laureate Seamus Heaney dies aged 74



DUBLIN (AFP) - Irish writer and poet Seamus Heaney, who won the 1995 Nobel Prize in Literature, died Friday at the age of 74, his family said.

One of the English language's leading poets, Heaney passed away in a Dublin hospital following a brief illness.

Prime Minister Enda Kenny said it would take Heaney himself to describe Ireland's loss, while President Michael D. Higgins hailed his contribution to "letters, conscience, and humanity".

Heaney was awarded his

Nobel prize "for works of lyrical beauty and ethical depth, which exalt everyday miracles and the living past".

It was the pinnacle of his collection of honours and awards, which included being made a commander -- the highest rank -- of France's Ordre des Arts et des Lettres in 1996.

Northern Ireland-born Heaney published his first major collection of poems, "Death of a Naturalist", in 1966 and went on to become one of the English language's leading poets.

Heaney moved to Dublin

in 1972 and was the professor of poetry at Britain's Oxford University between 1989 and 1994.

Two years ago, he donated a large collection of his literary papers to the National Library of Ireland.

In a statement, Kenny said Heaney ranked alongside James Joyce, William Butler Yeats, George Bernard Shaw and Samuel Beckett.

"Seamus Heaney's death brings great sorrow to Ireland, to language and to literature. He is mourned -- and deeply -- wherever poetry and the world of the spirit are cherished and celebrated," the premier said.

"For us, Seamus Heaney was the keeper of language, our codes, our essence as a people."

"Today, it would take Seamus Heaney himself to describe the depth of his loss to us as a nation."

"We are blessed to call Seamus Heaney our own and thankful for the gift of him in

our national life. He belongs with Joyce, Yeats, Shaw and Beckett in the pantheon of our greatest literary exponents."

"On this sad day, there are no words to describe adequately our nation's and poetry's grief at the passing of Seamus Heaney."

Higgins -- himself a published poet -- said Heaney's contribution "to the republics of letters, conscience, and humanity was immense".

The arts-loving president paid tribute to the "depth and range" of Heaney's contribution and described him as warm, humorous, caring and courteous.

"What those of us who have had the privilege of his friendship and presence will miss is the extraordinary depth and warmth of his personality," he said.

Faber and Faber voiced its pride at having published his works over nearly 50 years.

"We cannot adequately express our profound sorrow at

Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Grandma's classic Stew beef with Rice and Potato salad

An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varela Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine.

The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal

clientele. Varela's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients

that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan batu (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses for Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2



Varela, Luisa and the next generation of chef

side dishes, all quite yummy and bargain-priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local.

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from 11:00 am to 11:00pm, Telf: 5860606 and email: saus.arubancuisine@live.com, offering indoor and outdoor dining. Aside from an extensive menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!

Cage wins Venice praise with brutal drama 'Joe'

VENICE (AFP) - A tortured Nicolas Cage captivated audiences at the Venice film festival Friday with his performance as a tormented ex-con who seeks redemption in David Gordon Green's brutal American South drama "Joe".

Cage, who won an Oscar for his rendition of a suicidal alcoholic in "Leaving Las Vegas", plunges the depths of humanity once more with his performance of wild criminal Joe Ransom, guardian of the lost and helpless.

The film, based on American novelist Larry Brown's eponymous 1991 novel, takes place in Texas and portrays the desperate lives of poverty-stricken labourers and layabouts in a rough land where violence reigns.

Ransom divides his lonely life between drink and his work for a lumber company before he meets 15-year-old Gary, played by "The Tree Of Life" star Tye Sheridan, who has moved to the area with his abusive, alcoholic father.

Though he struggles to control his inner demons, Ransom reaches out to those in need, taking in a female friend and becoming increas-



ingly close to Gary.

Sheridan gives a powerful performance as an earnest, conflicted adolescent who seeks a paternal figure in Joe, but is almost outshone by the on-screen presence of Gary Poulter, a non-professional actor who plays his father.

Poulter, who died in March this year, was homeless when he was spotted by casting director John Williams at a bus-stop and persuaded to try for the role.

"We knew we were taking a great risk by choosing a man who had no address or identity documents, but he had a history," Gordon Green said.

"We were searching for real vagabonds and Gary had a magnificent look about him, the air of a lost soul," he said.

Largely set in a wood and the surrounding

derelict spaces -- from disused railway tracks to abandoned houses -- "Joe" has a paired-down, almost poetic air and uses existing transient locations rather than creating them on set.

"I wanted to keep it authentic. Yes, people really do

live in these conditions," Gordon Green said about the hovel where Gary's family lives.

The sense is of an increasingly inhuman, individualist society, peopled with disillusioned characters who further their own ends at any cost -- a metaphor captured by a savage scene in which a dog slaughters and devours another dog.

Ransom is the only one who really evokes the possibility of deliverance.

Gordon Green said he had been particularly drawn to the possibilities the script offered "to explore the question of masculinity."

"Joe is an admirable man with very fatal flaws, there's no greater or more interesting character for me," he said.

"The film is about redemption, about easing Joe's pain and the pain he has caused to others through the empowerment of this young man," he added.

A suave-looking Cage, without the rugged beard he wears in the film, said he had been desperate to work with the American director. "I would do three somersaults backwards naked for him, he is not afraid to bare his soul."

Bollywood's 'Chennai Express' smashes Indian box office records

MUMBAI (AFP) - Bollywood movie "Chennai Express", starring Shah Rukh Khan, has smashed box office records in just 21 days since it opened to become the most profitable movie in India, data showed Friday.

The film, which has a typical Bollywood mix of action, romance and comedy, has overtaken previous record-holder "3 Idiots" which appeared in 2009 to collect at least 2.11 billion rupees (\$30 million) domestically, according to trade weekly Box Office India.

The co-producers of "Chennai Express", Disney UTV, put the figure at a slightly higher 2.18 billion rupees.

In India, unlike Hollywood, there is no central data service for box office takings so there is often a discrepancy in the figures, but both estimates surpass the domestic collection of "3 Idiots", which made a net total of 2.02 billion rupees.

Also starring popular actress Deepika Padukone, the film tells the story of a 40-year-old man who gets embroiled in the dealings of a south Indian don when he rescues his runaway daughter from thugs aboard the Chennai Express train to southern India.

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YANKEES	70	63	.526	8.0
TORONTO	60	74	.448	18.5

National League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
ATLANTA	81	52	.609	--
WASHINGTON	68	65	.511	13.0
PHILADELPHIA	61	73	.455	20.5
NY METS	60	72	.455	20.5
MIAMI	49	83	.371	31.5

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
DETROIT	78	56	.582	--
CLEVELAND	71	62	.534	6.5
KANSAS	69	64	.519	8.5
MINNESOTA	57	75	.432	20.0
CHICAGO	56	76	.424	21.0

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
ST. LOUIS	78	55	.586	--
PITTSBURGH	77	56	.579	1.0
CINCINNATI	75	59	.560	3.5
MILWAUKEE	59	74	.444	19.0
CHICAGO	56	77	.421	22.0

West	W	L	Pct	GB
TEXAS	78	55	.586	--
OAKLAND	75	58	.564	3.0
LA ANGELES	60	72	.455	17.5
SEATTLE	60	73	.451	18.0
HOUSTON	44	89	.331	34.0

West	W	L	Pct	GB
DODGERS	78	55	.586	--
ARIZONA	66	64	.515	9.5
COLORADO	63	72	.467	16.0
SAN DIEGO	60	73	.451	18.0
SAN FRANCISCO	59	74	.444	19.0

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Free agent Odom arrested for drunk driving

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Former Los Angeles Lakers star Lamar Odom was arrested Friday for allegedly driving under the influence of drink or drugs near Los Angeles, traffic police said.

Odom, the subject of a rash of news stories about alleged drug use and troubles in his marriage to Khloe Kardashian, was taken into custody after being detained in the early hours.

An arrest report said the 33-year-old former Lakers and Los Angeles Clippers standout, an NBA player for 14 seasons who has not signed a deal for next season, was seen driving his white Mercedes SUV in a "serpentine manner at 50 miles per hour."

Gallacher in 'critical' condition in hospital



LONDON (AFP) - Former European Ryder Cup captain Bernard Gallacher was in a critical condition in hospital on Friday.

Gallacher was being treated in Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, NHS Grampian said, although no other details about the 64-year-old's condition were announced.

George O'Grady, chief executive of the European Tour, said: "We are in touch with Bernard's wife, Lesley and the Gallacher family, and, obviously, we join with everyone in wishing Bernard a speedy recovery."

His nephew, Stephen, who pulled out of the Wales Open

during the second round on Friday due to a back injury, added: "I understand that he is critical but stable."

Gallacher, the father of Sky Sports television presenter Kirsty, turned professional in 1967 and was named the Sir Henry Cotton rookie of the year the following season.

In 1969 the Scot became the youngest winner of the prestigious PGA Championship at 20 years and 97 days, a record which stood until earlier this year when Italian Matteo Manassero triumphed at Wentworth aged 20 years and 37 days.

Gallacher played for Europe in the Ryder Cup eight times and was non-playing captain of the European Team in 1991, 1993 and 1995.

He lost the first two matches but led the Europeans to a stunning victory on American soil in 1995 when the European team beat America by 14.5 to 13.5 points at the Oak Hill Country Club.

Bale to cost Madrid 91 million euros



MADRID (AFP) - Gareth Bale's prolonged transfer from Tottenham Hotspur to Real Madrid is set to be finalised after the two clubs agreed a 91 million euro (\$121 million, £78 million) fee for the player, Madrid sports daily AS reported on Friday.

Citing sources from Real Madrid, the paper said that the

Spanish giants will pay 84 million euros of the fee up front with a further seven million to be paid in variables depending on the Welshman's success with the club.

No one at Real Madrid was immediately available for comment when contacted by AFP.

It had been expected that the price for Bale would even exceed the world transfer record of 94 million euros that Madrid paid Manchester United for Cristiano Ronaldo back in 2009.

However, having sealed the transfers of Argentine Erik Lamela and Romanian Vlad Chiriches on Friday to take their spending for the window to around £92.8 million, it is believed the London club

wanted the bulk of the deal to be paid up front even if it meant settling for a lower price overall.

Bale himself is set to earn a reported 10 million euros net a year from a six-year-deal with the club.

Spurs boss Andre Villas-Boas admitted on Thursday that the deal would be completed "very soon", however the Portuguese also criticised Bale's conduct after the Welshman refused to train this week in a bid to force the deal through.

"He is involved in a big transfer move to Real Madrid and in the end if it happens, we wish him all the best, but the fact that he hasn't turned up is not the correct behaviour," he said.

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Banks' road back won't end with Falcons spot

ATLANTA (AFP) - Brian Banks' bid to build an NFL career after serving five years in prison for a crime he didn't commit hit a roadblock on Friday when he was cut by Atlanta.

The free agent linebacker, signed on March 3 by the Falcons, was among 11 players released by the club on Friday as they trimmed their roster in advance of the 2013 season.

The 28-year-old's chances of making the team had ap-

peared slim when he was played sparingly in the fourth quarter of the Falcons' final pre-season game on Thursday, a 16-20 loss to Jacksonville.

The Falcons could still try to sign him to their practice squad, although those places typically go to younger players the team wants to develop.

Banks said this week that he was just happy to have a chance to chase his NFL dream.

"I've been fully consumed in making this team, trying to catch up on all those years I missed in football," he told the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. "It was definitely challenging but, overall, I enjoyed myself immensely."

Just having such an opportunity seemed impossible in 2002, when Banks, then a 17-year-old high school football star, was accused by a classmate of rape.

Despite the absence of DNA evidence linking Banks

to a crime, he said his attorney convinced him to plead no-contest to charges of forcible rape and kidnapping.

He was sentenced to the maximum five years. In 2012, he was shocked when his accuser reached out to him through Facebook, her admission that Banks didn't rape her leading to his exoneration in 2012.

Falcons coach Mike Smith was full of praise for Banks, who played in 2012 for the Las Vegas Locomotives of the

United Football League and also worked out for the Seattle Seahawks, Kansas City Chiefs and San Diego Chargers.

"He has really matured and progressed as a football player since we've had him on our roster," Smith said. "He has been a great teammate to the guys in the locker room."

But it wasn't enough in the fiercely competitive NFL. The Falcons' cuts on Friday reduced their roster to 62, and they must get it down to 53 on Saturday.



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Djokovic moves on, Wimbledon finalist Lisicki out

NEW YORK (AFP) - Top seed Novak Djokovic survived a first-set wobble to reach the US Open third round Friday but Wimbledon runner-up Sabine Lisicki once again flopped when removed from her London grasscourt comfort zone.

World number one Djokovic won 12 of the last 14 games to defeat Germany's Benjamin Becker 7-6 (7/2), 6-2, 6-2 after saving two set points in the 10th game of the opening set.

Djokovic, the 2011 champion who is bidding to reach the New York final for a fourth successive year, sent down 13 aces as well as 40 winners with 18 of his 26 total unforced errors coming in that uncomfortable first set against the world number 87, who is part of US Open folklore.

It was the 32-year-old German who ended Andre Agassi's career in the American's last match in New York in 2006.

"Becker is a quality player and he should have won the first set. I was fortunate to come out of it, but after that I felt more comfortable on the court," said Djokovic, who next plays either Jarkko Nieminen of Finland or Portugal's

Joao Sousa.

In the women's event, Chinese fifth seed Li Na and third-seeded Pole Agnieszka Radwanska made the last 16.

Li hit 11 aces in a 6-2, 7-5 victory against teenager Laura Robson, avenging her loss to the Briton at the same stage last year.

The 31-year-old Li, who saw her opponent hit 30 unforced errors, goes on to face either Japanese qualifier Kurumi Nara or Serbian ninth seed Jelena Jankovic, the 2008 runner-up, for a quarter-final spot.

"I was really happy how I was hitting on the court," Li said. "And I thought I served really well."

Li's best US Open performance was a run to the quarter-finals in 2009, one round better than Radwanska, who has stumbled at the fourth-round stage on three occasions.

The 2012 Wimbledon runner-up made the last 16 once again on Friday with a 6-4, 7-6 (7/1) win over Russian 32nd seed Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, a quarter-finalist in 2011.

Pavlyuchenkova, seeded at a major for the first time, was undone by 41 unforced errors, which rendered her 32 winners irrelevant against the steady Radwanska who now faces Ekaterina Makarova.

Russian 24th seed Makarova clinched a 6-4, 7-5 win over German 16th seed Lisicki, who had wowed Wimbledon last month when she defeated Serena Williams on her way to a final loss against Marion Bartoli.

That took her record to 19-5 on the grass of the All England Club but she now stands at a mediocre 18-16 at the three other Slams, where she has never gotten beyond the fourth round.

Makarova, a 25-year-old left-hander who was a quarter-finalist at the Australian Open this year, now has eight career wins over a top-16 seed at a Slam.

In other early men's action Friday, 12th seeded Tommy Haas, the oldest man in the draw at 35 and a three-time quarter-finalist, defeated Lu Yen-Hsun of Taiwan 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (7/3).

The 35-year-old German next plays Russian 21st seed Mikhail Youzhny, the two-time semi-finalist, who saw off Alexandr Dolgoplov of Ukraine 7-5, 6-1, 6-3, for a fourth-round place.

Griffin cleared for Redskins season opener

TAMPA (AFP) - Washington Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III has been cleared to play in the team's NFL season-opener on September 9 against the Philadelphia Eagles. Redskins coach Mike Shanahan announced after Thursday's 30-12 pre-season victory over Tampa Bay that Griffin, who had reconstructive knee surgery in January, had been cleared to play by doctor James Andrews.



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